

THE STATE LAWMAKERS.

ROTH HOUSES OF THE LEGISLATURE.

A large Number of Measures Introduced and a Number of Bills Passed.—The Routine Work of Both Branches.

The Senate convened at noon yesterday, with Lieutenant-Governor Tyler in the chair. Prayer was offered, and the business of the meeting was pressed with unusual vigor by the senators present.

The following bills were presented and referred:

By Mr. Crawford: To appoint trustees for the town of York in the county of York.

By Mr. Saunders: To amend and re-enact section 391 of the Code of Virginia so as to make county surveyors conservators of the peace within their counties. By same. To prohibit preference by insolvent brokers, bankers and others and to avoid liens obtained by the creditor of the debtor within three months of the date of an assignment.

By same. To amend and re-enact section 1261 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the presumption of negligence in certain actions against railroad companies. By same. To amend and re-enact section 1310 of the Code in relation to the annual report of the Railroad Commissioner. By same. To amend the Code in relation to railroad companies being required to establish and maintain telegraph offices at depots. By same. To permit parties to causes in the Supreme Court to have the record printed at their own expense. By Mr. James S. Jones: To amend and re-enact section 8 of an act to give aid to soldiers, sailors and marines of Virginia maimed or disabled in the war between the States, and to the widows of Virginia soldiers, sailors and marines who lost their lives in said war in the military service, approved March 5, 1865. The bill provides that applicants for the pensions allowed under it may go to the court-of-enquiry or take such other action as they may desire, or make public by whom the necessary certificate may be given. By Mr. Pitcher: To provide for the return by clerks of taxes received by them on wills, deeds, suits, &c., Mr. George D. Carter, of Henrico county, introduced a bill to repeal an act to incorporate Lee district in Henrico county. By Mr. Philip F. Brown: Providing for an extra clerk for the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

BILLS PASSED.

The following bills were passed: House Bill No. 221, an act allowing the treasurer of Goochland county further time for collecting taxes; No. 222, an act to amend and re-enact an act incorporating the Virginia and Kentucky Railroad Company, approved March 3, 1884, as amended by an act approved November 22, 1881, and an act approved May 17, 1887; No. 223, an act to incorporate the Virginia Railroad Company; No. 225, an act to incorporate the Richmond and Rappahannock Valley Railroad Company; No. 227, an act to incorporate the Richmond, Chesterfield and Petersburg Railway Company; No. 229, an act to incorporate the Savenbrenner Street Railway Company; No. 231, an act to authorize the qualified voters of Prince William county to vote on the question of the removal of the courthouse from Brentsville to Manassas; to authorize the town of Manassas to issue bonds and the board of supervisors of said county to levy a special tax and issue bonds in case such removal be agreed to by a majority of the voters of said county; No. 232, an act to amend section 2 of an act to incorporate the Cardwell Manufacturing Company and to re-enact section 3 of said act; No. 233, an act to amend section 32 of an act to incorporate the Richmond and Petersburg Railway Company; No. 234, an act to amend and re-enact section 3 of an act to incorporate the Leiper's Ferry Insurance Company; No. 235, an act to amend the Savenbrenner Street Railway Company; to amend the Code relating to rights and liabilities of purchasers; this bill requires all railroad companies, into whose hands by sale to continue to keep lateral line constructed and located prior to the sale. The bill was introduced by Senator Stubb.

House bills in relation to the establishment of competing fairs in the county of Gloucester, authorizing the judge of Old Fellows, authorizing the judge of Warwick county to appoint a quarantine officer at Newport News; providing for the assay by the State Board of Agriculture of any minerals found in the State to authorize the sheriff of Norfolk county to execute process and to serve notices in Portsmouth; to authorize Maudie & Morgan to erect a wharf in Tugan creek, Isle of Wight county; making it a penal offense to any person to perform any act pertaining to the owner of money or goods without having accounted to the sheriff of the Isle of Wight and Gloucester Companies to incorporate the Berkley and South Norfolk Water and Electric Light Company; to allow George W. Butts and W. C. Whitney to erect a pier on Chuckatuck creek; to authorize the sale of certain church property in the county of Rockingham.

SUPERINTENDENT MASSEY.

When the bill to make the Superintendent of Public Instruction a member ex-officio of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia and the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution came up Senator Flood vigorously opposed it, principally on the ground that Mr. Massey's charges for attending the meeting of the Blacksburg board were excessive, being six times as much as was charged by Mr. Venable, of Richmond, who is also a member of the board.

Senator Dunn moved to pass by. He said this course was due to Mr. Massey. The motion was carried.

Senator Jones said this was a serious matter. The motion was carried with.

Senator Jones thought that the matter should be investigated as these charges have been the common property of the lobby for some time. He offered a resolution that the matter be referred to a special committee.

Committee on Public Institutions and Education have done nothing in regard to this particular matter.

Senator Lovenstein, understanding that the committee had done nothing during the entire session, said the subject would be investigated at the meeting of the committee in the afternoon.

Senators Gordon and Marshall both thought the Committee on Public Institutions and Education was the proper body to look into the matter.

Senator Blackstone explained that he had not intimated that the committee had done nothing, but that they had not acted in this particular case, and he considered that Senator Lovenstein had not properly understood him.

Senator Barry said the charge made by Senator Flood contained the idea that Mr. Massey was unfit for the position he now holds. It was in perfect accord with all parliamentary usages to demand a special committee.

Senator Harrison said that Mr. Massey was invited to a special committee, and as his friend he would ask for it.

Senators Pleasant favored the reference of the matter to the Committee on Public Institutions and Education.

Senator Stubbs offered a resolution that the charges be referred to the Committee on Public Institutions and Education, to report such recommendations as they may deem proper.

Senator Harrison offered a substitute that special committee be named. This substitute was voted down, and Senator Hunt offered the following substitute, which was agreed to:

"Whereas it has been represented to the Senate of Virginia that the Superintendent of Public Instruction has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia and the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Committee on Public Institutions and Education investigate said charges and report to the Senate, and said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers."

The Senate at 3 o'clock adjourned.

House of Delegates.

In the absence of Speaker Cardwell the session of the House was opened at noon yesterday by Mr. John F. Ryan, of Loudoun. The meeting was somewhat monotonous, but a considerable amount of business was transacted.

Rev. Dr. J. E. Jenkins, of Laurel-street Methodist church, offered prayer.

The following bills were introduced, and under suspension of the rules placed on the calendar: By Mr. Harris: An act to allow voters of the several districts of Nelson county to vote on a fence law.

By Mr. Thomas, of Roanoke: An act to authorize the sale of certain public school property in Salem, Va. By Mr. Williams: An act to provide for working the roads in Amherst County.

By Mr. Parsons: An act authorizing the board of supervisors of Amherst County to increase the salary of the judge of said county.

By Mr. Radford: An act to amend the charter of the city of Radford.

Approved January 22, 1892. By Mr. Howe: An act for the protection of sheep in the county of Spotsylvania.

By act to provide for the working and keeping in order of the roads in Spotsylvania County. By the same: An act to incorporate

the Tidewater Building and Construction company.

REFERRED.

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On motion of Mr. McCaughey Mr. H. O. Williams was appointed chairman of the conference, and on motion of Mr. W. D. Voorhees, of Norfolk, Mr. J. L. Atlee, Jr., was elected secretary. The following secretaries reported present: H. O. Williams, State secretary; E. T. Dadman, assistant State secretary; W. B. Haight, assistant State secretary; I. T. Grubb, secretary of the railroad branch at Shenandoah; W. F. McLaughlin, general secretary of Lynchburg; J. L. Atlee, Jr., general secretary of Danville; A. B. Paul, general secretary of Portsmouth; A. Candish, general secretary of Richmond; W. D. Voorhees, general secretary of Norfolk; R. E. Michaels, secretary railroad branch of Richmond; Fred. A. Gains, of Portsmouth; Lee C. Ellington, L. H. Hall, general secretary of Staunton; Bertram Cousins, assistant secretary of Norfolk; Charles J. Foster, of Norfolk; H. F. Smith, physical director of Richmond; W. L. Radcliffe, general secretary of Harrisonburg; W. M. Baker, of Richmond.

The first paper to be read was by Mr. Thomas A. Johnson, of Roanoke, on "Financial Difficulties How Best to Overcome Them." Mr. Johnson having not yet arrived his paper was laid over. Mr. W. D. Voorhees, of Norfolk, read a paper on the topic "How Far is the General Secretary Responsible for the Success of the Association?" The paper was followed by a number of questions, to which were given instructive answers.

THIN MORNING'S PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme for this morning: 8:30 prayer service, J. T. Martin.

9:15 "How Can the Secretaries in Virginia Help One Another" E. T. Dadman.

10:30 "A Secretary's Care for Detail and their Value" A. B. Paul.

11:00 "Discussion of the Subject: Is the Secretary Broad Enough as a Field of usefulness for a Life Work?"

11:30 "Question and Answer Session" Dr. Scott's statement.

12:00 "Prayer Services for the Convention," George F. Greene, Berkley.

A RICHMOND INDUSTRY.

The New York Times tells of the Richmond Locomotive Works.

A New York Times correspondent, writing from Richmond, has the following to say of the Locomotive and Machine Works:

ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 7.—The principal engine and machinery building establishment of the South is the Richmond Locomotive Works of Richmond, Va. This establishment is at present engaged in the construction of engines for the new United States ship Texas.

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